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Letter dated 13 November 2001 from the Ministers for Foreign Affairs of Algeria, Egypt, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Mauritania, Morocco, the Syrian Arab Republic and Tunisia addressed to the President of the Security Council

The Committee of Seven of the League of Arab States entrusted with the task of monitoring the Lockerbie issue presents its compliments and wishes to inform you that it held a meeting in New York on 13 November 2001 to discuss the latest developments with respect to the issue. It deems it appropriate to inform the Security Council as follows:

Under Security Council resolution 1192 (1998), a solution to the Lockerbie issue was reached by which the two accused would be tried by a Scottish court sitting in the Netherlands and the sanctions imposed on the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya would be suspended immediately on their appearance before the court. The sanctions were then to have been lifted on submission of the report requested of the Secretary-General in paragraph 6 [i.e. 16] of Security Council resolution 883 (1993).

Although the two accused appeared before the court in question and although more than two and a half years have elapsed since the Secretary-General submitted the report requested of him (S/1999/726), indicating that the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya had discharged all of its obligations, the Security Council has still not managed to lift the sanctions imposed on that country.

The League of Arab States, which, together with the Organization of African Unity, played a major part in the solution that was reached under the resolution in question, reaffirms its past resolutions on this subject, the most recent being that adopted by the Arab Summit Conference held in Amman (resolution 210 of 28 March 2001).* As it calls attention to the full compliance of the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya with the requirements of the relevant Security Council resolutions, the League deeply regrets the fact that the Security Council has yet to adopt a resolution lifting the sanctions in place.

After all the efforts it has made to solve this problem, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya is entitled to regard with suspicion and doubt the delay in raising the sanctions definitively, especially when the judgement of the court has raised suspicion concerning the influence exerted by parties outside the legal framework of

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the trial. This causes the League of Arab States deep concern at the persistence of this situation.

As we transmit to you herewith the text of the resolution adopted by the Arab Summit Conference held in Amman on 27 [i.e. 28] March 2001, we call upon the Security Council immediately to lift, once and for all, the sanctions imposed on the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya.

We should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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